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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Senior Officer Schools for the  
1967-68 Sessions

1. This memorandum submits a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. The CIA Training Selection Board has concluded a series of meetings during which it considered all candidates nominated by the Deputy Directors for attendance at the 1967-68 sessions of the Senior Defense Colleges, the Advanced Management Program at Harvard, and the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy at the Department of State. The members of the Board carefully reviewed backgrounds and official personnel folders of all candidates and later interviewed all candidates who were available in the Headquarters area except certain of the eleven officers nominated for the Armed Forces Staff College. Additionally, we are processing the candidates' files through the Special Activities Staff, Office of Personnel.

3. The Selection Board's task was made more difficult by the high quality of the candidates. This problem is illustrated by the very close vote as between [REDACTED] for the Air War College and also between [REDACTED] for the Agency's one slot at the Naval War College. Had it not been for the candidacy of John Clarke, [REDACTED] would probably have been an easy winner of one of the Agency's two Harvard slots. Given the difficulty of choice during these sessions, the Board plans to lengthen the time period allocated to file review at [REDACTED] from two to three or four days. We have already considered whether the composition of the Board should be enlarged and have tentatively rejected this approach. However, the Board will review this subject at greater length during future meetings. Also, it is our intention to explore informally whether additional positions can be obtained from Harvard, the Army War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and the Naval War College.

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